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Catherine Donchatz

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mom for the next 14 years, a decision she's never regretted. "We moved around a lot with my husband's job but we've been in Huntington since 1992. I value the time I had at home ... I came to work at Marshall when my son began taking classes here so that I could help out with his college expenses."

Although she was trained as an accountant, she took a secretarial job in Residence Services, hoping something in her field would open. Eventually jobs did become available, allowing her to move up through the ranks. Working as the Accounting Assistant Business Manager of Residence Services, Donchatz moved to her present position when the former business manager retired.

Actually, during her time at Marshall, she was gone from the Huntington area for a year when her husband accepted a temporary position in Chicago. She went expecting the kinds of urban ills and tribulations commonly associated with such a large city. But she was pleasantly surprised by their new home.

"I was really apprehensive about going to such a large city," she admits. "I thought it would be intimidating and dirty with a lot of crime. But we soon saw how pretty it was, and clean for the most part. We were impressed with the quality of life ... It turned out to be a really good experience."

She had left her job at Marshall but there was serendipity at work. Just when the family returned to Huntington there was a vacancy in Residence Services and she was able to make the transition back to her old department smoothly.

Computer technology had exploded during her 14-year absence from the workforce and she voluntarily took classes to catch up. Today she's still taking courses and working toward a master's degree in Adult and Technical Education.

"I'm very goal oriented. When I was in high school I wasn't a brilliant student but I knew I had to do well to get scholarships, which I did," she says reflectively. "Neither of my parents completed high school but they valued hard work and education. There were five of us kids and they encouraged all of us to go to college and helped give us the opportunity to go."

Once back in the Huntington area, her husband purchased a Monty's Pizza restaurant and Heartland Biscuits, both in Chesapeake, Ohio. On weekends and as time permits, she lends a hand in the family enterprise. "I'm a volunteer and help out as I'm needed." The youngest of the three Donchatz children, Rebekah, is very active in sports so Catherine keeps busy chauffeuring her to ball games. Daughter Joanna is a senior at Marshall and will graduate with a double major in weaving and graphic design. "I'm proud of our three children and I feel privileged to be involved in their lives."

The family is active at Grace Gospel Church and enjoys supporting Marshall sports. They have season football tickets but their cheering isn't confined just to football. "We've been going to some of the women's sports, particularly basketball and volleyball, and we really enjoy the games ... I wish more people would turn out to see how good they are."

So with family, work, church, restaurant duties, school and sports activities, "I sometimes have time to do a load of laundry," she says with a laugh. Organization has always been a key part of her life but she's flexible and that certainly helps her maintain a balancing act of her many activities and roles.

"I really enjoy spending time with my family. I have wonderful coworkers and I enjoy interacting with the students as well. I've been lucky in my career path after taking 14 years off which I don't regret at all."

And she has a word of advice for people who want to re-enter the workplace or to reach a career goal. "It pays to persevere. Doors don't automatically open for you but you can get there if you just keep trying."

Pathway

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Foundation also provides support for the Maier Latin and Writing Awards, which Ed Maier presents annually at Marshall.

Immediately following the pathway ceremony all donors to the Robert C. Byrd Biotechnology Science Center were honored at a reception where a plaque containing the name of each donor to the center was unveiled. Eight rooms in the biotechnology science center have been named after donors. They are: The Maier Foundation Inc., Maier Auditorium; William and Joyce Willis, Willis Auditorium; Cisco Systems, in appreciation of F. Selby Wellman, Computer Laboratory, Room 220; Jim and Gladys Hamer, in honor of Leola Frazier, Undergraduate Teaching Lab, Room 211; Monica and Mark Hatfield, Biotechnology Research Laboratory, Room 213; Mary H. and J. Churchill Hodges, Biotechnology Capstone Research Laboratory, Room 215; John and Donna Underwood Lounge, Second Floor; Howard and Marcia Aulick, Faculty Office, Room 301B.

Early Childhood 2+2

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qualified teachers and child caregivers," said Templeton, who also chairs the 21st Century Early Childhood Education Task Force. "Research tells us the qualifications of a teacher will determine whether a child will have a successful preschool experience."

"As doors open for West Virginia's early childhood professionals to access new educational opportunities, the ultimate beneficiaries will be the state's youngest students," said Dr. Cathy R. Jones, Early Childhood Coordinator with the West Virginia Department of Education.

Clayton Burch, director of the Early Education Center said of the dual degree program, "I see it as a beginning for professional development experiences for pre-service and in-service early educators statewide."

Dr. Mary Jo Graham, a School of Education faculty member and faculty advisor for the EEC, said "The dual degree is exciting because the pre-service and in-service professional development process helps teachers work with children in ways that develop early habits of inquiry, forming the foundation for critical thinking, which is germane to 21st Century learning."

Ferguson Scholarship

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Huntington Hospital for over 23 years where he served as director of Human Resources for more than 19 years. He was an avid cattleman, farmer, and respected committee member.

Clay Maddox, a 2005 graduate of Spring Valley High School, whose father Jeff was a close friend of Ferguson, was an honorary recipient of the award. The first recipient of the \$500 scholarship is Earl S. Robinson III, a 2006 graduate of Spring Valley High School.

The Ferguson family has expressed appreciation to all those who helped make this scholarship possible.

For further information about the scholarship or how to make a donation, call the Development Office at Marshall University at (304) 696-6214.

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Maier Foundation Receives Pathway Recognition

The Maier Foundation, Inc., a major benefactor of Marshall University and higher education throughout West Virginia, has been honored as the newest member of Marshall's Pathway of Prominence.

A plaque honoring the Maier Foundation was unveiled during a Nov. 4 ceremony at the pathway, located at the center of the campus. The plaque is the 18th on the pathway, which is reserved for those who have given at least \$1 million to Marshall.

"At the Maier Foundation, our principal mission is dedicated to higher education in West Virginia," said Edward H. Maier, president and chair of the Maier Foundation. "We continue to have an outstanding relationship with Marshall University in different areas of excellence. We're also excited by the leadership of Marshall President Stephen Kopp and look forward to continuing to work with him on a number of different projects."

Kopp expressed his gratitude to Maier and his wife, Susan, for their generosity to Marshall. Both are MU graduates—Ed in 1969 with a degree in economics, and Susan in 1977 with a degree in elementary education.

"Ed and Susan are great friends and supporters of Marshall University," Kopp said. "The Maier Foundation's remarkable generosity to this university,

which dates back many decades, is well documented."

The Maier Foundation Inc. was established as a private foundation by William J. Maier, Jr., who lived a modest and unpretentious life, and quietly built a philanthropic legacy that has helped further the education of many in West Virginia and beyond. In 1958, he created the Sarah and Pauline Maier Scholarship Foundation, named after his mother and his wife. In 2003, the Sarah and Pauline Maier Foundation was renamed the Maier Foundation, Inc.

Ed and Susan Maier are members of the John Marshall Society, President's Circle and Thunder Club. Ed's service to Marshall has included leadership positions on the Society of Yeager Scholars board of directors and the Marshall University Alumni Association board. He was honored as an inductee of the Marshall Business Hall of Fame, recipient of the MUAA Community Achievement Award, and recipient of an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Marshall.

Susan has demonstrated her high regard for promoting quality education in West Virginia by providing the Susan Runyan Maier Distance Learning Classroom in the College of Education and Human Services. The Maier

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Marshall Initiates Ethics Reporting Line, Site

Marshall University will institute an ethics reporting line next week that will allow employees with good-faith concerns to report those concerns through a third-party vendor.

"Through the Web site and toll-free phone line, employees can voice concerns in a confidential and anonymous manner," said Tom Linkous, Marshall's director of internal auditing, who is overseeing the project for Marshall. "There are times when people simply can't express their concerns any other way."

Linkous emphasized that these reporting channels are not meant to replace any communications that are currently taking place. "Employees should, if at all possible, discuss their concerns with their supervisors or with other Marshall personnel," he said. "But if that is not possible, or a concern remains, the Web site and phone line can be used."

Marshall's Ethics Reporting Line is operated by EthicsPoint, Inc., and is located on the Web at www.ethicspoint.com, and by phone at 1-888-559-8507. Items submitted by these methods will be forwarded to the appropriate university administrators for assessment, investigation, and response. It is expected to be operational by Nov. 15.

Further information may be obtained by contacting Linkous at ext. 66105 or by e-mail at linkous@marshall.edu.



Celebrating the recognition of the Maier Foundation as a member of the Pathway of Prominence are President Kopp, Susan Maier, Ed Maier, and Eliot Maier.

Pullman Square Tickets for "We Are Marshall" Go On Sale Nov. 27

Tickets for the showings of "We Are Marshall" at the Marquee Cinemas at Pullman Square in Huntington are expected to be available online and in person on Nov. 27, according to Marquee Cinemas General Manager Charlotte Alesi.

Marshall, Technical Colleges Add '2+2' Programs

Programs with Ashland Community and Technical focus on journalism, chemistry

Presidents from Marshall University and Ashland Community and Technical College have signed 2 + 2



President Kopp (left) and Ashland CTC President Greg Adkins sign the most recent 2+2 agreement between the two institutions.

articulation agreements that further strengthen the relationship between the two schools and add options for students. The agreements offer 12 additional 2 + 2 degree options in the fields of journalism and chemistry. They

allow students to complete an associate degree at ACTC, then transfer the courses smoothly into a complementary major at Marshall.

"It is important to create a seamless pathway for students so they will know what courses to take when they transfer to Marshall," President Stephen J. Kopp said. "We want to do anything we can to demystify that process."

Kopp said Marshall expects to partner with ACTC on more agreements in the future.

"It is a guarantee that if you follow this path at ACTC, then transfer to Marshall and continue on the curriculum path, you will get your four-year degree," Dr. Sarah Denman, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said. "It is a win-win for the Tri-State Area."

Early Childhood Program Will Help Fulfill State Needs

Representatives from Marshall University and Marshall Community and Technical College have signed an articulation agreement creating a dual degree program in early childhood education.

Dr. Rosalyn Templeton, dean of the College of Education and Human Services (COEHS) said the program will help ensure that all early childhood education personnel are highly qualified to provide education and care to West Virginia's young children. She said it will allow students who are teacher candidates to earn an associate of applied science in early childhood education at MCTC, then transfer to Marshall for another two years without any additional coursework.

"With the MU-MCTC dual degree program, it is uplifting to know that the young children of West Virginia will be given the opportunity to be educated by highly

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Faculty/Staff Achievements

Dr. Betty Jane Cleckley, Vice President for Multicultural Affairs, presented "Recruiting and Retaining Faculty of Color" at the SREB's 13th Annual Institute on Teaching and Mentoring, in Miami, Florida, in October. More information on this presentation is available on the Web at www.marshall.edu/mcip.

Dr. Jose Luis Morillo, Professor of Spanish, attended the 63rd South Central Modern Language Association in Dallas, Texas last month where he organized and chaired a special session on "Artistic and Literary Exploration of the Spanish Social and Political Transition (1975-1982)." As part of the session he presented an essay, "Popular Music and the Spanish Transition."

Dr. Bob Rubenstein, Professor of Counseling and Coordinator of the School Counseling Programs, was an invited speaker for several recent events. He was co-presenter with Jim Rubenstein, Commissioner of the West Virginia Division of Corrections, at the West Virginia Association of Drug and Alcohol Counselors at Canaan Valley Resort on "West Virginia Division of Corrections Efforts in the Treatment of Substance Abuse for Adult and Juvenile Residents." He also presented "Personal Professional Ethics" at the West Virginia Adult Education Association Conference in Morgantown and "Ethics and Leadership" at the West Virginia Division of Corrections Leadership Seminar at Blackwater Falls State Park. He also made a presentation, with Professor Tom Patrick of the West Virginia University College of Law, to the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals' Family Court Mediator Conference in Charleston, on the topic "Difficult Scenarios in the Practice of Family Mediation." In addition, Rubenstein was appointed to a three-year term of the WVU School of Physical Education Visiting Committee.

Professor **Jean Edward Smith** gave the keynote address to the John Marshall Foundation at the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond, Va. on Oct. 29. He spoke on the jurisprudence of John Marshall. *FDR*, Smith's biography of Franklin D. Roosevelt, will be published by Random House in May 2007. Review copies will be available in early April.

Profile: Catherine Donchatz

A series on interesting Marshall University people.



Catherine Donchatz

She's the keeper of the paper trail, a self-confessed "bean counter" whose job it is to keep a keen eye on the bottom line and an accountant who has proved she'll go to great lengths to get her job done, even if it means going deep underground in a coal mine.

As Business Manager of Residence Services, Catherine Donchatz is used to dealing with details of all kinds, big and small. "We have 10 residence halls and two cafeterias, so I monitor the revenue, expenditures and business practices of our department. [For] anything we buy, from large expenditures to credit card purchases, the paperwork crosses my desk. I also have supervisory responsibility for the computer labs and the cell phone programs in the residence halls."

And, she explains, residence halls are self funded and operate as an auxiliary service. "We don't receive state funds; our revenue comes from fees paid for housing and meal plans. The operating budget is closely monitored to insure that we manage the funds responsibly."

She's been an accountant for most of her working career after ditching a math major in college, even though she had won a math scholarship. "I switched to accounting after I took calculus," she says wryly. A native of Harlan, Ky., she graduated from Cumberland College—now the University of the Cumberlands—with honors. "I lived in dorms while I was in college, so I feel that gives me a good perspective on residential living," she says. After graduation she was quickly employed by U.S. Steel as a managerial trainee, working with coal mining companies in Kentucky, West Virginia and Pennsylvania. It sounds like it was a staid, desk-bound job in the safe confines of an office, but in reality it had its share of harrowing experiences.

"Part of my job was to do equipment inventory in coal mines, which meant going underground," she explains. "One time I spent an entire week in a mine identifying and tagging all the equipment ... My father was a coal miner and he wasn't happy about my going underground. He knew the dangers of being in a mine even though I wasn't there as a miner."

Luckily, she's not claustrophobic, but once inside the mine there were some scary surprises. "I was amazed at the noise level, how loud everything was, and how dark and close it was. We were in a really small space. The large pieces of equipment took up most of the space."

After marriage, she and her new husband, Joe, headed to Durham, N.C., where he attended Duke University to complete his master's degree in health administration. She found work at a bank but in an unexpected place—a university residence hall. "They had a full-service bank right in the hall, along with retail stores, a cafeteria and a barber shop."

After leaving Durham and with the birth of Andrew, the first of their three children, Donchatz elected to retire from the corporate world and be a stay-at-home

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Symposium Focuses on Diversity and Appalachian Youth

Faces of Appalachia and the Harmony Institute, two Marshall University programs, are hosting a symposium with events scheduled throughout November with the theme, "A Different World: Diversity, Change, and Appalachian Youth."

Remaining events include a talk by bell hooks, author of *Witness* at 7 p.m. Nov. 28 in the Don Morris Room. Frank X. Walker will conduct a poetry workshop and reading at 5:30 p.m. Nov. 29 in the Shawkey Room. Gregg McAllister will make a brief presentation on Poetry Out Loud at 7 p.m. Nov. 29 in the Shawkey Room. Dr. Pedro Noguera, author of *City Schools and the American Dream*, as well as other books, will speak at 7 p.m. Nov. 30 in the Memorial Student Center room 2w16 (Alumni Lounge).

Noguera's speech, "Recognizing and Celebrating our Diversity in the Schools and Community," will be followed by a panel discussion featuring Noguera; Monica Brooks, associate dean, MU Libraries; Maurice Cooley, director of the Center for African American Students' Programs; Gregg McAllister, director, Arts in Education, West Virginia Division of Culture and History; Dr. Barry Sharpe, director of Marshall's Center for Academic Excellence; Feon Smith, program specialist with Multicultural Affairs; and Cabell County Schools Superintendent William Smith.

Scholarship Established for Greg Ferguson

Family and friends of John Gregory Ferguson have established a scholarship at Marshall University to honor the memory of the lifelong resident of Wayne County, W.Va.

The Greg Ferguson Memorial Scholarship will be awarded each year to a graduating senior from Spring Valley, Tolsia or Wayne high schools in Wayne County, who plans to be a full-time undergraduate student at Marshall University during the next academic year. First preference will be given to students who plan to major in any health care, human resources, business management or agricultural related field.

Ferguson was a 1978 graduate of Buffalo High School and graduated from West Virginia Institute of Technology and Marshall University. While in school he was an all-state high school football player and later a scholarship college football player. He was employed at Cabell

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MUAA Seeks Award Nominations

The Marshall Alumni Association is soliciting nominations recognizing achievements of distinguished alumni, friends and students for awards that will be presented at the annual Alumni Weekend Banquet which will be held next year on April 21.

The Awards Committee will make its decision based on nominations received before Nov. 16. Nominations received after that date will be considered for 2008.

For a full explanation of each award, as well as the material needed for each nomination, the Web site is: www.marshall.edu/alumni/nominate.asp.

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